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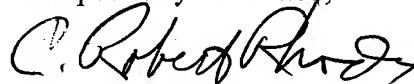
REPLY

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2007 and the telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on November 7, 2007, Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the fact that there is a Preliminary Amendment in this case which was filed on the same day as the application. The Preliminary Amendment makes this case a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/989,502, now U.S. Patent No. 6,719,150 and adds Claims 12-20.

The Preliminary Amendment was not taken into consideration in the first Office Action . The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at 336-574-8040 to discuss how the prosecution in this case can be advanced most efficiently and effectively.

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